

CWS REDESIGN CHRONOLOGY

Year One (2000 - 2001):

- In 2000, the California Legislature establishes the Child Welfare Service (CWS) Stakeholders Group. Governor Davis directs California Department of Social Services to assemble group of child welfare stakeholders to review child welfare services system and make recommendations for its improvement. Approximately 60 individuals, representing all aspects of the child welfare community convene to examine CWS programs.
- Stakeholders lay foundational work in the development of assumptions, a vision, a mission statement and guiding values.

Year Two (2001 - 2002):

- CWS Stakeholders Group creates conceptual framework for Redesign with recommendations for 30 major strategies intended to improve the outcomes for California's children and families.
- The Legislature passes the California Child Welfare Outcomes and Accountability Act (AB636) to establish ongoing monitoring of CWS. Legislation authorizes workgroup to determine how the state will work with counties to monitor and evaluate results.
- The federal Child and Family Services Review is conducted in California (similar reviews occur in all 50 states).

Year Three (2002 - 2003):

- CWS Stakeholders Group moves its work into regional areas to increase experience and expertise available at regional, county and local levels. Effort involves more than 150 individuals statewide who translate 30 conceptual strategies into implementation plans to guide state, county and community redesign efforts. Four Regional Workgroups are established: 1) Partnership for Practice, 2) Response and Resolution, 3) Permanency and Child Well-Being, and 4) Workforce Preparation and Support.
- CWS Stakeholders Group establishes four statewide workgroups: 1) Fairness and Equity, 2) Safety Practice, 3) Alcohol and Other Drugs/Child Welfare Services/Courts, and 4) Flexible Funding.
- CWS Stakeholders Group hosts two summits to share progress of work and receive feedback from larger child welfare community. Each summit is attended by more than 500 participants.
- CWS Stakeholders Group convenes five community forums in San Diego, Los Angeles, Oakland, Madera and Chico. Approximately 1,000 individuals participate.
- CWS Stakeholders Group holds forum for county fiscal administrators to discuss innovative funding strategies.
- In partnership with philanthropic community, CWS Stakeholders Group hosts video conference, *Bold Changes: A Shared Responsibility for Children and Families*, focusing on

philanthropic support for the Redesign. Seventy-seven funders and 12 First Five Commissions participate.

- CWS Stakeholders Group convenes for final meeting in June to review recommendations for final report. Final report is published in September and efforts shift to implementation. Stakeholders Group is reformed as Champions for Children, a broad-based support group of those who support CWS Redesign and are committed to its successful implementation.
- The federal Program Improvement Plan, developed in response to the Child and Family Services Review, is approved (effective July 1, 2003). The elements of this two-year plan are based on the work of the CWS Stakeholders Group and serve as tactical steps to help reach the strategic goals of the Redesign.
- The Outcomes and Accountability Workgroup completes its work and the new system for measuring results is tested in the Fall of 2003 with implementation scheduled as called for in the legislation on January 1, 2004.